lawies career of this board went heedlessly, contracting for millions of indebtedness in violation of both acts of thougress forbidding it, and with out even the apology of Mr. Cushing's opinion, which came not until deeded for use in Congress. 13th December, 1373.

Here, Mr. Charman and gentlemen of the committee, I leave this discussion. The part sizigned to make my accordance council. which came not until deeded for use in Congress, 18th December, 1873.

Here, Mr. Chairman and gentlemen of the committee, Heave this discussion. The part sissigned to me by my associate council was to direct the committee attention to some of the legal questions entering into this investigation. I have done this so poorly that I must ask from my associates and from the committee, by their fuller and abler exploration of the case, to correct the errors of this argument, and to supply its omissions. I cannot close there remarks, however, without adding to them what I now do. And, first of all, I wish to put here upon record my own gratification at the improvement, beautification as these have been attained without fraud, oppression or violation of law and duty.

My love of my country, my concern for the honor and purity of its government, my admiration of and fealty to that great Hepublican party which is, na large degree, responsible for the existence and character of this local government, my relations of personal friendship toward the first Governor of this District, and my desire for the prosperity of this people and these cilies, have, from the beginning of this inquest, made ms, and will to its end make me, profoundly desire that the truth would vindicate the rulers of this government, and establish the wildom and purity of their rule.

But, sirs, the same considerations which led me to desire that it windication shall not come at the sacrifice of truth; or at the sacrifice of the welfare of this people when they have grisroually oppressed and overwhelmed with dubt; or of the welfare of this people when they have grisroually oppressed and overwhelmed with dubt; or of the welfare of this people when they have grisroually oppressed and overwhelmed with dubt; or of they have persistently, contemptuously and throughout the years defined and nearly detroyed; or of public and official morality, which they have prostituted in the interest of favorites, proligates and bandod ato. Interest of favorites, proligates a

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